CHIMPANZEE CHASE IS LATEST IN JERSEY

Animal That Escaped From a Traveling Zoo Is Caught by Owner in Boonton.

LEOPARD STILL EVASIVE

State Troopers Doubt It Exists and Inquiry Will Be Made as Hunt Goes On.

The animal story is replacing the fish story in New Jersey.

While Artie, the acrobatic alligator, was still enjoying the freedom of Passaic River mud, a lost chimpanzee, the second to escape in New Jersey in the last few days, was taken into custody in Boonton yesterday. Meanwhile the leopard hunt was proceeding desultorily in the vicinity of Red Bank, although many persons advanced circumstantial proof that the leopard was none other than a wild goose.

The chimpanzee that was recovered in Boonton had escaped from a traveling zoo at Rockaway on Sunday. It slipped from its cage and swam the Rockaway River. One of its attendants pursued it and came upon it in a grove, but as fast as the attendant climbed one tree the chimpanzee vaulted to the next. The attendant gave up when his wind gave out.

Yesterday, however, the chimpanzee was caught by Francis Murphy, proprietor of the zoo. He found the animal in the woods and called to it. Displaying no temperament, it walked into the arms of its captor. It had a bullet crease in its shoulder, origin unknown.

In Trenton it was announced that an investigation would be made to determine whether the famed "New Jersey leopard" ever had been delivered to Oliver W. Holton's Twin Brook Zoo at Middletown. State troopers who have scoured the woods have expressed suspicion.

Sergeant George Tighe of the State police said that the persons who have reported seeing the cat's tracks couldn't tell a leopard track from that of a deer.

Tighe also declared that Monmouth County farmers were more frightened of the posses in search of the leopard than of any jungle cat that might be abroad.

Accused of Theft of Labor Funds.

Special to The New York Times.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Aug. 17—Charged with misappropriation of $957 93 in funds of the local union of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers, Fowler W. Kelder, its former Treasurer, waived examination today and was held for the Grand Jury.

Heads Augustinian Fathers.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Rev. Daniel A. Herron of Bryn Mawr, Pa., was elected today Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of the Augustinian Fathers at the thirteenth chapter meeting, in session at Villanova College. The province consists of the United States and Cuba.

Cherry Brandy "Ad" in British Magazine Bars Publication From Distribution Here

A tentative decision handed down yesterday by Acting Solicitor Edward Barnes at the Customs House, barring importation of a monthly publication, The Key to London, printed in that city for the information of American tourists, is expected to have far reaching effects. It was made pending an opinion from United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner, who is on a vacation. The publication was barred on the ground that it is an illegal importation under Section U of the national prohibition act, which makes it "unlawful to advertise anywhere or by any means or method, liquor or the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale or furnishing of the same; or where, how, from whom, or at what price the same may be obtained."

The Key to London, issued by the American Information Bureau of 199 Piccadilly, London, carries an advertisement which calls attention to the qualities of Grant's morella cherry brandy.

Mr. Barnes said the section cited in the decision exempted only "newspapers published in foreign countries when mailed to this country," and he held that the barred publication was not a newspaper within the meaning of the act and was not mailed to this country. Inquiry, he said, showed that it was shipped here in lots of 1,000 in packing cases.

Questioned as to the possible effect on foreign magazines, which publish liquor advertisements, in the event of an adverse decision, Mr. Barnes said that under a strict interpretation of the Prohibition law, all such publications undoubtedly would be barred. He said emphatically that Section 17 specifically exempted only "newspapers when mailed."

L. S. Haynton Williams, an official of the American Information Bureau of London, who arrived from England two weeks ago and is stopping at 1,730 Broadway, expressed amazement when informed of the decision. He said several thousand copies of last month's issue had been brought into the United States without objection and distributed to travelers bound for Europe. He said he had discussed the matter with customs officials yesterday and later had called at Major Mills's office but was told that he was absent.

COMEDIAN REPLIES TO SUIT.

Snyder Says Houses He Was Told to Play Had Bad Reputation.

Thomas (Bozo) Snyder, burlesque comedian, filed answer yesterday in the United States District Court to the suit brought against him recently by Barney Gerard, playwright and producer of burlesque shows, for alleged violation of a contract to play only in Gerard's productions. In his answer Snyder, through his attorney, I. Maurice Wormser, charges that the five-year contract which he signed with Gerard, under which the manager claims a right to the comedian's services until 1928, was signed by him without full knowledge of its contents.

"The plaintiff," the answer says, "has directed the defendant to appear on a circuit of theatres known as the Mutual Circuit." Snyder alleges that "the performances given by a great many of said shows are immoral, obscene and indecent," and that performances presented have "caused public authorities to arrest various performers and close some shows."

MILLS LOOMS AGAIN FOR GOVERNORSHIP

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prohibition referendum, but will centre their attack on Senator Wadsworth. They would regard his defeat as a dry victory, no matter what the result of the referendum vote might be, it was declared. This is the position of the Anti-Saloon League, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and other dry organizations. These have not yet gone so far as to advise their members not to vote in the referendum, but they may reach that stage later.

The present plan of the drys is to count the difference between the total vote in the referendum and the total vote for Senator as dry votes, and to claim that a wet majority in the referendum, which would be expected with many drys refraining from voting, is really only a minority of the voters of the State, and therefore meaningless. As the vote for candidates in this State invariably exceeds by many thousands the vote on any question this would give the drys opportunity to claim many votes which indicated indifference or ignorance as well as the votes of the drys who refrained from voting on the referendum, but who voted for candidates.

The Republican campaign managers, it was learned, will attempt to defeat this plan. A systematic campaign will be started, it was said, to induce Republican voters to vote according to their convictions on the referendum and then vote for the party candidates, including Senator Wadsworth.

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To Those Who Commute On the Long Island Railroad

publisher, about the publication [illegible] English translation of Hopzafel's "Pan-Ideal," which is expected to appear in the Autumn of 1927. It was published originally in Germany.

13 IN COAST GUARD ON TRIAL

Alleged to Have Connived With Rum-Runners.

Special to The New York Times.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 16.—The court-martial of thirteen members of the Coast Guard, accused of conniving with rum-runners on the New Jersey coast, is under way at Ship Bottom Coast Guard station, fifty miles south of here, it was learned today.

Superintendent M. W. Rasmussen, Commandant of the Fifth District Coast Guard headquarters, is attending the trial. The men were taken into custody about a month ago after Superintendent Rasmussen and Commander Wheeler, attached to the Inspection Division of the Coast Guard, made an extensive investigation.

Pastor Immerses Nine at Shore.

Special to The New York Times.

BAY SHORE, L. I., Aug. 16.—Nine persons, five women and four men, were immersed in the Great South Bay here today in an old-fashioned baptismal ceremony conducted by the Rev. Robert F. Shoeman, pastor of the Vine Pentacostical Church of Huntington Station. They were led singly into the water by the pastor and immersed three times, while 300 of the congregation on shore sang hymns. After the ceremony a box luncheon was served.

BANKRUPTCY SALES.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of SAM and MAX FINKELSTEIN, individually and as copartners, trading as FINKELSTEIN BROS., Bankrupt.—Chas. Shongood, U. S. auctioneer for the Southern District of New York in bankruptcy, sells Monday, Aug. 23, 1926, by order of the Court at 10:30 A. M., at 52 Avenue B, Borough of Manhattan, assets of the above bankrupt, consisting of cloaks, suits, dresses, store fixtures, also receiver's right, title and interest into lease.

SAUL STEINLAUF, Receiver.
ZALKIN & COHEN, Attorneys for Receiver, 51 Chambers St., New York.
Inspection on Aug. 20th and Aug. 21st.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New York.—In Bankruptcy. In the matter of THE JAMES LANDON CORPORATION, Bankrupt.—Chas. Shongood, U. S. Auctioneer for the Southern District of New York in Bankruptcy, sells this day Tuesday, Aug 17, 1926, by order of the Court, at 10:30 A. M., at 552 Broadway, and immediately thereafter at 149 Fifth Av., Borough of Manhattan, assets of the above bankrupt, consisting of hosiery, ladies' wearing apparel, furniture, fixtures, &c., at 552 Broadway, steel shelving, &c., at 149 5th Av.

PHINEAS LEWINSON, Receiver.
ROSENTHAL & HEERMANCE, Attorneys for Receiver, 132 W. 31st St., New York.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of IRVING LOEB, trading as LOEB & KRAMER, Bankrupt.—Chas. Shongood, U. S. Auctioneer for the Southern District of New York in bankruptcy, sells this day Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1926, by order of the Court, at 10:30 A. M., at 552 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, assets of the above bankrupt, consisting of ribbons, office furniture, fixtures, safe, &c.

WILLIAM HENKEL, Trustee.
OSCAR W. EHRHORN, Referee in Bankruptcy, 280 Broadway.
ALLEN R. MEDHARD, Attorney for Trustee, 120 Broadway, New York.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of THE DAVIS GRANITE CO., Bankrupt.—Chas. Shongood, U. S. Auctioneer for the Southern District of New York in bankruptcy, sells this day Tuesday, Aug 17, 1926, by order of the Court, at 10:30 A. M., at 423 5th Av., Borough of Manhattan, assets of the above bankrupt, consisting of office furniture, &c.

BENJAMIN SOLOMON, Trustee.
OSCAR W. EHRHORN, Referee in Bankruptcy, 280 Broadway.
MORRIS BLOOMGARDEN, Attorney for Trustee, 305 Tribune Building, New York.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New York.—In the matter of EDWARD BIULICK, Bankrupt.—Chas. Shongood, U. S. Auctioneer for the Southern District of New York in Bankruptcy, sells this day Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1926, by order of the Court, at 10:30 A. M., at 142 West 28th St., Borough of Manhattan, assets of the above bankrupt, consisting of piece goods, remnants, furs, office and factory furniture and fixtures, safe, &c.

JOSEPH T. STEARNS, Receiver.
C. EDWARD BENOIT, Attorney for Receiver, 297 4th Av., New York.

H. E. Salzberg Company, [illegible] Church Street, yesterday began ripping up the trolley rails formerly belonging to the New York & Queens County Railway Company in preparation for the repaving of Astoria Avenue from Old Bowery Bay Road to Ehret Avenue, North Woodside, they were removing some of the last reminders of the former glory of North Beach as a Summer resort.

The contract for paving was awarded by Borough President Connolly to the William P. McDonald Company of Flushing. The contract carried with it the job of ripping up the tracks. The McDonald Company sold the rails to the Salzberg Company with the requirement that the company was to take up the rails and clean the street ahead of the pavers.

The improvement of this avenue was sought by civic organizations in the North Woodside district.

INDICTED IN ACID KILLING.

Prisoner Accused of Murder of Mother-in-Law.

Samuel Wallach, 20 years old, owner of the Premier Window Cleaning Company, 157 Canal Street, was indicted yesterday by the additional Grand Jury for the first-degree murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sophie Blust, of 439 Sixth Street. Wallach is accused of having rubbed acid on Mrs. Blust's body in her home on July 22 last when she tried to prevent him from throwing the fluid on his wife, Rose, who nearly lost the sight of an eye from the acid. Mrs. Blust died several days after the alleged attack.

Wallach's wife had left him several weeks before. When arrested two weeks ago he told the police that he had called at the house to effect a reconciliation. He denied that he had thrown the acid intentionally. He will be arraigned this morning before Judge Mancusco in General Sessions for pleading.

APE CAUGHT IN NEW JERSEY

Hungry but Tame, It Is Held by Boonton Police—Was Hit by Bullet.

Special to The New York Times.

BOONTON, N. J., Aug. 16.—A small gray ape—the latest jungle beast to roam at large in New Jersey—was captured here yesterday and now is a prisoner at police headquarters. The animal was captured at the New Jersey Power and Light Company plant by J. Blanchard, a watchman, who found it perched on wires carrying 3,000 volts. Blanchard knocked the ape from the wires with a long pole and it scrambled to a shelf, where it was caught without difficulty.

The animal seemed tame and has probably been a pet. It had a bullet wound in its shoulder. The ape appeared hungry when taken to the police station and greedily ate carrots and bananas. The police are holding it until the owner claims it.

SCORES PARIS POLICE.

Buffalo's Mayor Says He Would Turn French Capital Upside Down.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 16 (AP).—Mayor Frank X. Schwab today declared that if he were Mayor of Paris for twenty-four hours he would turn that city upside down, in an address at the tenth annual convention of the Fraternal Order of Police.

"When I was in Paris I made an inspection of the city with a member of the Paris police force," he said, "and I was amazed at what I saw." He said that decent women did not seem to be safe on the streets alone.

The Mayor said that the reason for what he thought were bad conditions in Paris was that the police there were not respected as are American police. He said that European police depended upon harsh methods, while American police used kindness.

having chewed up the driver's license issued to its mistress, but when she appeared in the Traffic Court yesterday to answer the charge of Motorcycle Patrolman Woekle that she was driving without the license, Miss Miller cleared Minnie.

Woekle testified that when he asked Miss Miller for her license she unsuccessfully sought it in her handbag, and then noticing scraps of paper under Minnie on the floor, declared that the dog must have chewed it. On the witness stand yesterday, however, Miss Miller told Magistrate William A. Farrell that she had accused Minnie wrongfully, for after she had reached her home at 221 West Thirty-fourth Street, she had found the license on a piano.

"Well, I've heard all kinds of excuses, madame," remarked the Court, "but never one like this. I shall dismiss this charge."

CHILDREN HELD ON LINER.

Two Come From Liverpool to Join Parents—To Go to Hospital.

Shane O'Neill Reese, 7½ years old, and his sister, Maureen Cicely, 5½, arrived yesterday on the White Star liner Baltic from Liverpool to join their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur John Reese, from whom they have been separated for eighteen months.

The children were born in Uganda, East Africa, where Mr. Reese was appointed a District Judge after the war, in which he served as Captain in the Royal Field Artillery. Two years ago he resigned and came to the United States. He has taken out naturalization papers and said he intended to practice law. Mrs. Reese accompanied him here, leaving the children with a relative in Dublin.

The Public Health Officer would not allow the children to land because the girl had some kind of eczema, and he said she would have to go to the hospital at Ellis Island today for further examination. The family has a home at Pleasantville, Westchester County.

CAT SURVIVES GAS, MICE DIE

Experiments Conducted to Learn Cause of Death of Three Men.

Tabby, an unpedigreed gray cat, provided evidence at Bayside yesterday that a cat has nine lives.

Dr. Howard W. Neall, Medical Examiner of Queens, in his efforts to determine the character of the gas that killed Fireman Charles R. Nagel and two laborers in a cesspool near Bell Avenue, Bayside, on last Wednesday, sent the cat and three white mice down into the cesspool in cages. The cat was there seventeen minutes and showed symptoms of asphyxiation broght up when, but after a few moments in the fresh air it ran away. The mice were taken with convulsions in one minute and two minutes later were dead. Their bodies and a jar filled with the noxious gas will be sent to the laboratory at Bellevue Hospital for analysis. The blood of Fireman Nagel and the laborers failed to disclose anything regarding the character of the gas.

INDICTED IN CHICAGO VOTING

"Gold Coast" Election Officials Are Accused of Fraud in Primary.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16 (AP).—True bills naming from twelve to twenty precinct judges and clerks of election in primary irregularities were reported voted today by the special Grand Jury. Previously 151 persons had been indicted in connection with frauds and improper handling of the returns of the April primaries.

Those reported named are in the Forty-second Ward, which includes the "Gold Coast" section of Lake Shore Drive.

Avenue Realty Corporation [illegible] Samuel Radlich the five-story a[illegible] ment house at 1,319 Prospect Av[illegible] Isaac Marks was the broker in transaction.

SOUTHAMPTON SITE SO[illegible]

New York Syndicate to Erec[illegible] Amusement Centre.

A new amusement centre is [illegible] created at Southampton, Long I[illegible] as a result of the purchase of [illegible] by Harry Buchman and associat[illegible] Manhattan, who purchased th[illegible] Wollenberg, Hall & Keller the pro[illegible] of Annie E. Bennett on the south[illegible] of Hill Street opposite Agawan[illegible] and adjoining Monument Squa[illegible] Southampton. The property has [illegible] ages of 135 feet on Hill Street a[illegible] feet on Windmill Lane. It is 50 [illegible] in depth and has been held at $10[illegible]

The buyers will improve the site [illegible] a theatre having a seating capac[illegible] 2,500 and a large hall for use [illegible] social centre. The building[illegible] planned, will contain a numb[illegible] stores, a billiard hall and a num[illegible] bowling alleys. A large part [illegible] site will be utilized for the park[illegible] automobiles.

Downtown Contract Award[illegible]

The Boudin Construction Cor[illegible] Inc., have been awarded the co[illegible] by Silverman-Meltzer-Perlman [illegible] ration for the erection of the ne[illegible] story store and bank building [illegible] erected at the southeast cor[illegible] Chambers Street and West Bro[illegible] on a plot 75 by 10[illegible] feet from pl[illegible] George and Edward Blum and E[illegible] ter Katz.

Madison Avenue Store Sub[illegible]

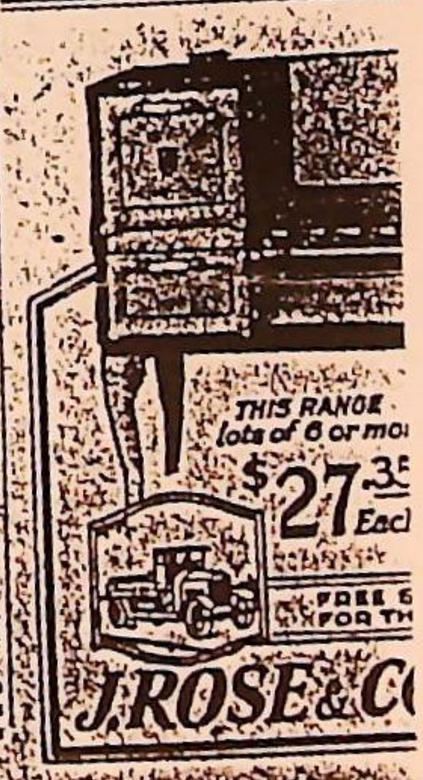
Thoens & Flaunlacher, Inc., [illegible] sublet an arcade store in the [illegible] Arcade Building, 624 Madison A[illegible] southwest corner of Fifty-ninth [illegible] to Reuben's Pure Food Shop [illegible] Aaron Reuben, President. The [illegible] of this store now gives the rest[illegible] company the entire space [illegible] along the south side of the [illegible] from Madison Avenue to the [illegible] the building.

Operator Sells Harlem Fl[illegible]

James H. Cruikshank sold to [illegible] Rice 12 West 133d Street, a fiv[illegible] double flat, on plot 25 by 100 f[illegible] tween Fifth and Lenox Avenues.

Leases Fifty-sixth Street F[illegible]

The Houghton Company has [illegible] the parlor floor at 50 West Fift[illegible] Street to Elizabeth Higgins, [illegible] under the Man-Ell Company, [illegible] term of years.



Touchet Valley Ramblings

By Vance Orchard, Times Columnist

First Bigfoot action of the year has been reported a few miles above Dixie.

The scene of tracks made by two of the creatures was reported at mid-week last week by a pair of mushroom hunters. Tracks reportedly were "pretty fresh and all over the place."

The mushroom hunters apparently felt the tracks were too fresh for them and so "just spooked out and came back to Walla Walla," according to Paul Freeman, to whom the hunters reported their find. The callers would not identify themselves; just gave him the location, Freeman said.

Scene of this initial sighting of Bigfoots for the year is on Biscuit Ridge at the head of Dry Creek and only a short distance from the boundary of the Mill Creek Watershed, according to Freeman.

Freeman got the call from the mushroom seekers on April 21. The next day he and Bill Laughery of Pasco and Billy Fields of Walla Walla went to the site. It was a trip that was to prove highly interesting to all three. Besides Freeman, I've talked to Laughery, a Dayton native and retired game department employee.

The following day, Freeman and Dave Been, of Walla Walla, another veteran Bigfoot tracker, investigated the scene as well as a lot of real estate around it.

According to Laughery, professional trackers were to check out the sighting early this week.

Peter Byrne, director of the Bigfoot Research Project (1-800-BIGFOOT) has expressed a lot of interest in the sighting and might come here too.

When Freeman, Laughery and Fields checked out the report, rain had fallen in the area the night before, damaging many of the tracks they found.

"You'd see them good in places and not very good in many places," Freeman said.

He said one track measured 17 inches long and the other was 13 1/2 inches.

Both Freeman and Laughery estimated they observed as many as three or four thousand tracks over a fairly wide area at the scene.

Laughery thought the animals were looking for small rodents (a trait of Bigfoot's reported many times) or mushrooms as these creatures apparently consider the morel a delicacy as does his human counterpart.

Tracks were followed for about a mile, going toward the watershed.

Lots of tracks were also spotted around a snowmobile, tied to a tree. The machine apparently had taken a pummeling from the smaller creature as its tracks were all around it, Laughery and Freeman said.

A heavy chain (links made of between two steel posts at an entry road. Bigfoot tracks were all around here, too, and one of the posts (imbedded in concrete) had been pulled up, the men reported.

Both Laughery and Freeman said they were "real impressed" with this display of raw strength, if it had been done by the Bigfoot, as seemed apparent to them.

Freeman, who has made plaster casts of hundreds of Bigfoot footprints since 1982, has also captured in plaster a couple of hand prints. But, nothing like he found near a tiny stream in the area. The big hand seemingly had grabbed at the mud bank, either digging for salt, crawdads or other possible edibles, then pulled its hand free. Freeman poured plaster into the formation and secured a cast with some difficulty, he said. Next week hopefully we'll have pictures to show this evidence. The thumb indicates a formation with differences from that of a human thumb.

Both Freeman and Laughery (the latter long schooled in the trackage of people and animals) said the footprints they secured in plaster indicated a foot formation also different from a human's.

"The bone structure is different from ours," Freeman said. "It's obviously made so the creature can have a foot meant to do a lot more work than ours."

Speculation among those who were at the scene indicates the two Bigfoots might well be a pair which has been seen here before. A female and a younger Bigfoot has been seen on upper Mill Creek as well as over by Maloney Mountain out of Dayton in years past.

Local

Bigfoot believer estimates weight at 500 to 600 pounds

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ceived a call from a person identifying himself as a mushroom picker. The caller would not leave his name but directed Freeman to the location of where to find the tracks.

Even Freeman was skeptical at first. So often hunters or hikers will alert him to tracks that turn out to be bear markings.

But he and two of his friends felt it was worth the 45-minute drive from Walla Walla to check it out. The tracks turned out to be more than what they expected.

In fact, the markings made a believer out of Billy Field, who accompanied Freeman on his search.

"I'm going up there right now," Field said this morning. "I want to see" Bigfoot.

Field said he was a skeptic until he saw traces of the creature.

"There must be a hundred of them," Field said about the tracks leading about three-quarters of a mile along Biscuit Ridge. Field is a retired tire repairman of Walla Walla.

The other person with Freeman was Bill Laughery of the Tri-Cities. Laughery said the tracks are significant because they are the first real evidence that the creature has been in the area since last fall.

"I already was a believer," Laughery, a retired game agent for the state Department of Wildlife, said. This is exciting, he added because there weren't many tracks that were seen here last year, he added.

Freeman will add the imprinted casts to his collection, along with a videotape that he says shows bigfoot in the Mill Creek Watershed. In 1992, he captured a blurry image of the creature with his camcorder. Previous evidence offered by Freeman have been pictures and hair samples he keeps in his freezer.

But if the plaster casts aren't enough to convince people, Freeman hopes to put a radio collar on one of the Sacquatches and trace his or her movements.

He confesses that would be one of his biggest challenges yet.

CREDIT TO BILL FIELDS

Bigfoot! Believer says prints show the big lug visited Biscuit Ridge

SUMMARY: *Sasquatches are suspected to have been visiting the Biscuit Ridge area last week. Just ask three believers who say they have the handprints and footprints to prove it.*

By DONNA KEMP
Of the Union-Bulletin

Paul Freeman knows bigfoot creatures are rooming around at Biscuit Ridge this time of year.

His latest proof is the plaster casts of a 17-inch-long footprint and 7-inch-wide human-like hand. Freeman captured the prints last week by pouring plaster on the tracks he and two friends found along a trail where underbrush had been pushed aside near a creek about 15 miles east of Dixie on Biscuit Ridge.

"This is only the fourth handprint I have," Freeman explained excitedly this morning. He pointed out the markings are distinguishable from a bear because the large hand and foot look almost human-like with what could be nails, not claws.

Freeman surmises that the creature whose handprint this might be is probably about 7 feet tall, weighing about 500 to 600 pounds. The foot belongs to a smaller creature, he said.

Freeman, a former watershed patroller with the U.S. Forest Service, has been hunting elusive Sasquatches since his first professed sighting in 1982. He passes out cards that identify him as a "bigfoot investigator," to encourage hunters and hikers to alert him to evidence of the large hairy human-like creatures.

"I've been called an idiot. I sometimes wished I had kept my mouth shut years ago," Freeman said. But his "semi load of evidence," has given him national attention. He has been on "Good Morning America," "Hard Copy" and will be featured on "Unsolved Mysteries," next month, Freeman said.

His latest evidence arrived last week. He re-

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